WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

A method for providing selectable characters 1. within a user interface comprising:

determining an operating mode of a communication device;

receiving an input associated with a selected input key;

determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode; and

displaying the group of \ characters within the user interface.

The method of Claim 1, further comprising: 2. first character of the displaying a group characters within a first portion of the user interface;

displaying the group of characters proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface; and

highlighting the first character displayed within the second portion of the user interface. 20

> The method of Claim 2, further comprising: 3. receiving a second input;

highlighting the second character within the group of characters in response to the record input; and

displaying the second character within the first portion of the user interface.

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4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
horizontally displaying the group of characters
within a second portion of the user interface; and

centrally displaying a cursor relative to the second portion of the user interface within a first portion of the user interface, the cursor displaying a first highlighted character displayed within the group of characters.

- 5. The method of Claim 1, further comprising segmenting the group of characters displayed within the user interface.
- 6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
 determining a display mode associated with
 displaying the group of characters within the user
 interface; and

displaying the group of characters based on the determined display mode.

7. The method of Claim 1, further comprising: receiving a second input associated with the input key;

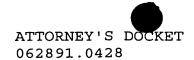
determining a time interval based on the second 25 input; and

calculating a time-out period using the time interval.

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- 8. A user interface for displaying selectable characters comprising:
- a first display portion operable to display a group of characters in response to an input;
- a second display portion operable to display one of the characters proximal to the first display portion; and
- an input device operably coupled to the first display portion and the second display portion.
- 9. The user interface of Claim 8, further comprising at least one operating mode associated with providing the group of characters.
- 10. The user interface of Claim 8, wherein the user interface comprises a display mode operable to display the group of characters within the first and second display portions.
- 11. The user interface of Claim 8, wherein the 20 display mode comprises:
 - a horizontal display operable to display the group of characters within the first display portion; and
 - a cursor centrally displayed relative to the first display portion within the second display portion.
 - 12. The user interface of Claim 8, further comprising an algorithm operable to determine a time-out period based on user interaction with the user interface.



- 13. The user interface of Claim 8, wherein the input device comprises a keypad having at least one key operably coupled to the group of characters based on an operating mode.
- 14. The user interface of Claim 8, further comprising selectable soft keys displayed within a portion of the user interface.

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15. A communication device for providing a communication address comprising:

means for determining an operating mode of a communication device;

means for receiving an input associated with a selected input key;

means for determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode; and

means for displaying the group of characters within the user interface.

16. The communication device of Claim 15, further comprising:

means for displaying a first character of the group of characters within a first portion of the user interface;

means for displaying the group of characters proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface; and

means for highlighting the first character displayed within the second portion of the user interface.

17. The communication device of Claim 16, further 25 comprising:

means for receiving a second input to select a second character within the group of characters;

means for highlighting the second character within the group of characters; and

means for displaying the second character within the first portion of the user interface.

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The communication device of Claim 15, further comprising:

means for horizontally displaying the group characters within a second portion of the user interface; and

means for centrally displaying a cursor relative to the second portion of the user interface within a first portion of the user interface, the cursor displaying a first highlighted character displayed within the group of characters.

The communication device of Claim 15, further comprising:

means for receiving a second input associated with selecting the input key;

means for determining a time interval based on the second input; and

calculating time-out period means for in association with receiving the input.

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20. A medium comprising encoded logic for displaying selectable characters operable to:

determine an operating mode of a communication device;

5 receive an input associated with a selected input key;

determine a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode; and

display the group of characters within the user interface.

21. The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

display a first character of the group of characters within a first portion of the user interface;

display the group of characters proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface; and

highlight the first character displayed within the second portion of the user interface.

22. The medium of Claim 21, further comprising logic operable to:

receive a second input to select a second character within the group of characters;

highlight the second character within the group of characters; and

display the second character within the first portion of the user interface.

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Claim 20, further comprising 23. The medium logic operable to:

horizontally display the group of characters within a second portion of the user interface; and

centrally display a cursor relative to the second portion of the user interface within a first portion of interface, the cursor displaying a the user highlighted character displayed within the characters.

The medium of Claim 20, further comprising 24. logic operable to:

determine a display mode associated with displaying the group of characters within the user interface; and display the group of characters based on the

determined display mode.

Claim 20, The medium of further comprising 25. logic operable to:

receive a second input associated with the input key;

determine a time interval based on the second input; and

calculate a time-out period using the time interval.

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The medium Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

determine a period time-out associated with displaying the group of characters;

highlight a first character within the group of characters based on the time period; and

highlight a second character within the group of characters.